# MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIANS SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2009 BOARD MEETING

# THE MISSION OF THE MARYLNAD BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIANS

THE MISSION OF THE MARYLAND BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIANS IS TO ENSURE AND MAINTAIN THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF MARYLAND'S ENVIRONMENTAL SANITARIANS, WHO ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TITLE 11 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE BOARD SETS STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE, REGULATES THE PROFESSIONALS WHO PERFORM THE INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO ENFORCING MARYLAND'S HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, ADOPTS CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AND ENFORCES A CODE OF ETHICS APPLICABLE TO ALL SANITAIANS.

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 A.M., at the Howard County Bureau of Utilities, in Columbia, Maryland. Six Board members, three guests, and the Board Administrator were present.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as amended.

The draft minutes of the May 6, 2009 Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **Presentations:**

None

#### **Board Administrator Actions:**

- 1. Issued Certificates of Eligibility (COE) for obtaining employment: 5
- 2. Initial Licenses issued: 12
- 3. Reinstated Licenses to: None
- 4. Issued Sanitarian-in-Training Certificates to: 1
- 5. Certificates of Eligibility for Obtaining Employment Renewed: 1
- 6. Sanitarian-in-Training Re-issued: None
- 7. Applications for Board Evaluation: None
- 8. Applications Rejected: None

#### **Continuing Education Review:**

The Board reviewed 66 training courses and voted to approve all submitted courses.

## **Committee Reports:**

A. <u>Liaison to the Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors</u> Elayne Warren reported that there were two presentations. Jay Prager of MDE gave a talk on "Water Reuse". Quentin Forrest of MDE gave a presentation on the progress of the "MDE Shoreline Survey Program".

#### B. Environmental Health Liaison Committee

The EHLC Committee met on May 19, 2009 at MDE. Dr. Cliff Mitchell presented his draft of the "Recommendations of the Long Term Environmental Health Workforce Work Group" which will be officially presented to the Secretaries of MDE and DHMH on June 26, 2009. Elements include a reorganization of the Sanitarian and Environmental Health Specialist series with a focus on career tracks and equitable salary ranges.

### C. Policy Team

Chuck Smyser may report on a revised Licensure Structure for the EHLC Team at the July  $8^{th}$  meeting.

## D. Housekeeping Team

Document Tracking System: During the April1, 2009 Board meeting, Board members approved a Housekeeping Team management plan for review, modification, approval, and tracking of Board documents. A final vote to adopt the Document Tracking System will take lace at the meeting in July. Work on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events and the Award for Sanitarian of the year is deferred until September.

#### **Old Business:**

A. Board Administrator, Lee Haskins indicated that the new testing contract with NEHA is on track and will be submitted according to MDE Fiscal Services Division's requirements.

#### **New Business:**

**A.** Board Members voted to maintain the current roster of Board Officers.

## **Closed Session:**

The Board met in Closed Session for 20 minutes.

#### Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at 11:25 A.M. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at 9:00 A.M. at the Howard County Bureau of Utilities, in Columbia, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted by, Ann R. Caldwell, R.D., L.D.N.